

From: Brett Gimlin [mailto:brett.gimlin@lmusd.org]
Sent: Sunday, October 04, 2015 3:34 PM
To: triciaknight@charter.net
Subject: Improved cell service for Mesa Middle School

To whom it may concern,

My name is Brett Gimlin, and I am the new principal at Mesa Middle School. I am writing to express my support for improved cell coverage at Mesa Middle School and the surrounding neighborhood. Our school currently has unreliable cell phone service. I hear this complaint from staff members, students, and even from parents at a recent PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) meeting. I experience it myself each time I get a call on my district cell phone and have to start my conversation by saying, "I may lose you" as a precursor to inevitably having the call dropped. As principal, my primary job is to ensure that Mesa is a safe environment for students and staff. In the event of a site emergency situation such as a lockdown/intruder on campus, communication is of the utmost importance in keeping our students and staff out of harm's way. We have a protocol in place and practice drills on a regular basis. Although we use other forms of communication (email, land line phones, short range radios), the cell phone is the standard avenue for communication today. Amber alerts now being pushed out en masse to cell phones is a prime example of this. It is extremely rare for adults to not have their cell phones on them when they are out and about. Even though teachers and staff at Mesa carry their own cell phones, relying on them as an avenue for communication in the event of an emergency (example-group text) is risky at best with the unreliable coverage we currently have. Thanks in advance for your efforts to improve cell service here at Mesa.

Respectfully,
Brett Gimlin
Principal-Mesa Middle School

----- Message from "Ed Reeves" <ed.reeves@lmusd.org> on Mon, 5 Oct 2015 08:22:28 -0700 -----

To: <triciaknight@charter.net>
Subject: Better Cell Coverage Needed at Mesa Middle
: School

Hi,

I would like to let you know my concerns about current cell coverage at Mesa Middle School. I am a teacher here and have been so for over fifteen years. We have always had poor cell coverage at this school. I would like for students, at times, to be able to use their phones at school to do research and use certain apps, but the coverage is too weak to do so. Please consider increasing cell coverage at our school. If you have any questions for me I'd be happy to help.

Thanks You, Ed Reeves

----- Message from "Christina Heller" <christina.heller@lmusd.org> on Mon, 5 Oct 2015 07:58:29 -0700 ---
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To: <triciaknight@charter.net>
Subject Cell Site near Mesa Middle
: School

Ms. Knight,

I support a possible cell site/tower near Mesa Middle School. As a teacher at Mesa MS, this impacts me directly. Increased cell service would allow me to better communicate with others on and off campus. Additionally, more reliable, faster cell service will make the campus safer in the event of an emergency. Lastly, this technology would benefit many in the community, not just Mesa staff. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,

Christina Heller, M.A.
Mesa Middle School
8th Grade Physical Science
7th Grade Mathematics

October 16, 2015,

County of San Luis Obispo
Department of Planning and Building
County Government Center
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

In Re: Wise & Verizon DRC2014-00100
Conditional use permit

To Mr. Jim Irving and the Planning Commission:

My name is Jennifer Cera, and we are currently in the process of purchasing the residential lot located at 1380 S. Halcyon Dr. in Arroyo Grande. I am writing today to voice my concerns as to the proposed plan for a Verizon communications facility on the adjacent lot located at 2286 S. Halcyon Dr. in Arroyo Grande.

At the time when the Project Subject Referral was submitted (March 2015), it indicated that the two adjacent lots were vacant. As of this date, both lots have been or are in the process of being purchased by families to build single family homes. This is crucial information when considering the ramifications of the tower and any resulting collateral issues.

In review of the submitted plans, the tower and/or housing facility is proposed to be situated a mere five feet away from the property line. I believe that given this close proximity it will interfere with me and my families use and enjoyment of the land.

My concerns are set forth below:

- Sound and Noise Nuisance:
I have concerns as to the noise from the generator, as well as the traffic and the maintenance workers themselves that may access the facility at all hours of the night.
- Fire and fall risk:
With the fuel tank, I question whether this may pose as an unnecessary added fire risk. Additionally with its current proximity, if the tower were to fall it could potentially fall over the property line where our children, dogs, and family will reside.
- Potentially impacting property values:
There is great debate (whether founded or unfounded) as to the safety/health risks of said towers. As a result, said towers are viewed as a negative when placed in a residential area. Therefore, its mere existence so close to others residences can pose as a resale issue.

I appreciate the utility and positive benefit that the public will enjoy as a result of this tower. However, given the above information I believe it is an unfair burden that we would have to shoulder. I am not objecting to its complete existence, but, rather to its location. Given the foregoing, I am requesting, that the tower and its housing unit be placed in another esthetically pleasing location, next to other similar sized trees, at least 100 feet away from the adjacent property line.

This would allow the community to benefit from increased telecommunications service while not overly and unrealistically burdening the nearby residents.

I thank you for your time,

Jennifer Cera

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Cera', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.